

*GAO Message
Reconnaissance Intel
Security Clearance*

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TO :	[Redacted] 23 SEP 1977	DATE OF REQUEST 21 Sep 77
FROM :	PLC <i>de</i>	SUSPENSE DATE

SUBJECT: Re the Latest Letter from Secretary Brown to GAO
Concerning GAO Survey of NRO

NOTES

I talked to John McMahon and the latest Brown letter accedes to pressure from Staats that GAO will be allowed to look at the NRO. However, at this time, Defense is granting clearances to a GAO team. Defense will then meet with the team and try to narrow down their interest. McMahon is sending us a copy of the letter.

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Thanks
Should we be fighting this?
Do our committee know?
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ACTION REQUIRED BY GLC

OLC #77-4337

Honorable Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the
United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Staats:

Thank you for your helpful response to our letter of August 16, 1977 about the proposed review by the General Accounting Office of certain sensitive Department of Defense intelligence programs.

I have asked the Undersecretary of the Air Force to meet with your representatives, after your staff personnel have been briefed by the Defense Contract Audit Agency on their work in this area to discuss the proposed scope of your review. Hopefully we will have, by that time, the results of the reviews of these programs by the Congressional oversight committees and we can discuss in detail your needs for further reviews.

I have also asked the Director for Policy Review to discuss, with the Director of Central Intelligence the need for additional clearances for access to these programs. We will need to coordinate further with him on the number of your staff personnel who must be cleared and the extent of the clearances.

Sincerely,